

Wisconsin Hog Inventory Down From March

Wisconsin's hog inventory on June 1, decreased 20,000 head from March 1 to 480,000 head. This is a decline of 50,000 head from this same time last year and a decrease of 40,000 head from December 2002. Market hogs, at 425,000 head, fell 40,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hogs at 55,000 head showed a decline of 10,000 head from last year, and a decrease of 5,000 head from the previous quarter.

The March - May 2003 quarter pig crop totaled 236,000 head, down 5 percent from both the previous year and the previous quarter. Sows farrowing during the quarter totaled 27,000 head, a 2,000 head decrease from previous quarter. Average pigs per litter was 8.75 compared to 8.55 last year and 8.60 last quarter. Wisconsin's hog producers intend to have 26,000 sows farrow during the June - August 2003 quarter and 26,000 sows farrow during the September - November quarter.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2003, was 58.7 million head. This was 3 percent below June 1, 2002, but 1 percent above March 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 2002, and down slightly from the previous quarter.

The March - May 2003 pig crop, at 25.1 million head, was 3 percent less than 2002 and 2 percent less than 2001. Market inventory was 2 percent below last year and 1 percent above last quarter. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 4 percent below last year. Sows farrowing represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.88 pigs for the March - May 2003 period, compared to 8.82 pigs last year.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, June 1

Selected states	Breeding 2003	Change 2003/02	Market 2003	Change 2003/02	Total hogs 2003	Change 2003/02
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
Wisconsin	55	-15	425	-9	480	-9
Illinois	420	-7	3,580	-6	4,000	-6
Indiana	310	-6	2,690	-6	3,000	-6
Iowa	1,040	-8	14,460	n.c.	15,500	-1
Michigan	100	-9	800	-1	900	-2
Minnesota	590	+2	5,610	+5	6,200	+5
N. Carolina	1,000	n.c.	8,600	-3	9,600	-3
U.S.	5,940	-4	52,796	-2	58,736	-3

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service

Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, March-May

Selected states	Sows farrowing 2003	Change 2003/02	Litter rate 2003	Pig crop 2003	Change 2003/02
	1,000 head	Percent	Number	1,000 head	Percent
Wisconsin	27	-7	8.75	236	-5
Illinois	205	-9	8.90	1,825	-6
Indiana	140	-10	8.95	1,253	-8
Iowa	460	-2	8.70	4,002	n.c.
Michigan	44	-12	9.00	396	-11
Minnesota	270	n.c.	8.95	2,417	n.c.
N. Carolina	540	-2	9.00	4,860	-2
U.S.	2,821	-4	8.88	25,053	-3

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service

Farrowing Intentions

Selected states	June-August 2003	Change 2003/02	Sept.-Nov. 2003	Change 2003/02
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
Wisconsin	26	n.c.	26	-7
Illinois	205	-2	205	-2
Indiana	135	-13	130	-13
Iowa	450	+5	450	+5
Michigan	46	-16	42	n.c.
Minnesota	270	+2	270	n.c.
N. Carolina	540	-4	540	+2
U.S.	2,827	-2	2,794	-1

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service